



An uprooted tree, toppled by strong winds from the outer bands of Hurricane Ian, rests in a parking lot of a shopping center, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, in Cooper City, Fla.

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## Ian makes landfall in southwest Florida as Category 4 storm

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Hurricane Ian made landfall Wednesday in southwest Florida as one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the U.S., swamping city streets with water and smashing trees along the coast. The massive storm was expected to trigger flooding across a wide area of Florida as it crawls north-eastward, and at least one sheriff's office along the coast reported that it was already getting "a significant number of calls" from people trapped in their homes. The hurricane's center struck near Cayo Costa, a protected barrier island just west of heavily

populated Fort Myers. Mark Pritchett stepped outside his home in Venice around the time the hurricane came ashore about 35 miles (56 kilometers) to the south. He called it "terrifying." "I literally couldn't stand against the wind," Pritchett wrote in a text message. "Rain shooting like needles. My street is a river. Limbs and trees down. And the worst is yet to come." The Category 4 storm slammed the coast with 150 mph (241 kph) winds and pushed a wall of storm surge accumulated during its slow march over the Gulf of Mexico. The storm previously tore into Cuba, killing

two people and bringing down the country's electrical grid. About 2.5 million people were ordered to evacuate southwest Florida before the storm hit, but by law no one could be forced to flee. Though expected to weaken as it marched inland at about 9 mph (14 kph), Ian's hurricane force winds were likely to be felt well into central Florida. "This is going to be a nasty nasty day, two days," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said, stressing that people in Ian's path along the coast should rush to the safest possible shelter and stay there.

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Jackson Boone left his home near the coast and hunkered down at his law office in Venice with employees and their pets. Boone at one point opened a door to howling wind and rain flying sideways.

"We're seeing tree damage, horizontal rain, very high wind — I think it's a 100-plus sustained outside right now," Boone said by telephone. "We have a 50-plus-year-old oak tree that has toppled over."

In Naples, the first floor of a fire station was inundated with about 3 feet of water and firefighters worked to salvage gear from a fire-truck stuck outside the garage in even deeper water, a video posted by the Naples Fire Department showed. Naples is in Collier County, where the sheriff's department reported on Facebook that it was getting "a significant number of calls of people trapped by water in their homes" and that it would prioritize reaching people "reporting life threatening medical emergencies in deep water."

Ian's windspeed at landfall tied it for the fifth-strongest hurricane to strike the U.S., along with several other storms. Among them was Hurricane Charley, which hit almost the same spot on Florida's coast in August 2004, killing 10 people and inflicting \$14 billion in dam-



**Waves crash along the Ballast Point Pier ahead of Hurricane Ian, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.**

**Associated Press**

age.

Ian had strengthened rapidly overnight, prompting Fort Myers handyman Tom Hawver to abandon his plan to weather the hurricane at home and head across the state to Fort Lauderdale.

"We were going to stay and then just decided when we got up, and they said 155 mph winds," Hawver said. "We don't have a generator. I just don't see the advantage of sitting there in the dark, in a hot house, watching water come in your house."

The governor said the state has 30,000 linemen, urban

search and rescue teams, and 7,000 National Guard troops from Florida and elsewhere ready to help once the weather clears.

Florida residents rushed ahead of the impact to board up their homes, stash precious belongings on upper floors and join long lines of cars leaving the shore. Some decided to try and ride out the storm. Jared Lewis, a Tampa delivery driver, said his home has withstood hurricanes in the past, though not as powerful as Ian.

"It is kind of scary, makes you a bit anxious," Lewis said. "After the last year of

not having any, now you go to a Category 4 or 5. We are more used to the 2s and 3s."

Ian made landfall more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Tampa and St. Petersburg, sparing the densely populated Tampa Bay area from its first direct hit by a major hurricane since 1921. Officials warned residents that Tampa could still experience powerful winds and up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain.

"Please, please, please be aware that we are not out of danger yet," Tampa Mayor Jane Castor said in a video on Twitter. "Flood-

ing is still going to occur."

Flash floods were possible across all of Florida. Hazards include the polluted leftovers of Florida's phosphate fertilizer mining industry, more than 1 billion tons of slightly radioactive waste contained in enormous ponds that could overflow in heavy rains.

Isolated tornadoes spun off the storm well ahead of landfall. One tornado damaged small planes and a hangar at the North Perry Airport, west of Hollywood along the Atlantic coast.

More than 1 million homes and businesses were without electricity, and Florida Power and Light warned those in Ian's path to brace for days without power.

The federal government sent 300 ambulances with medical teams and was ready to truck in 3.7 million meals and 3.5 million liters of water once the storm passes. "We'll be there to help you clean up and rebuild, to help Florida get moving again," President Joe Biden said Wednesday. "And we'll be there every step of the way. That's my absolute commitment to the people of the state of Florida."

Parts of Georgia and South Carolina also could see flooding rains and some coastal surge into Saturday. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp preemptively declared an emergency, ordering 500 National Guard troops onto standby. □

## Biden to oil industry: Don't raise prices due to hurricane



**President Joe Biden speaks during the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, at the Ronald Reagan Building, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, in Washington.**

**Associated Press**

By AAMER MADHANI  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Joe Biden on Wednesday warned oil and gas companies

against increasing prices for consumers as Hurricane Ian lashed Florida's south-west coast.

"Do not, let me repeat, do not use this as an excuse to raise gasoline prices or gouge the American people," Biden said at the start of a conference on hunger in America and just hours before the hurricane made landfall as a massive Category 4 storm.

Biden said that the hurricane "provides no excuse for price increases at the pump" and if it happens, he will ask federal officials to determine "whether price gauging is going on." "America is watching. The industry should do the right

thing," Biden added.

There are few signs that average gas prices have jumped significantly in Florida as the hurricane began to approach. AAA put the statewide average at just under \$3.40 a gallon, six-tenths of a cent higher than a week ago.

A 99-day run of falling pump prices nationally ended recently, and the 14-week decline was the longest streak since 2015. The nationwide average price had risen past \$5 a gallon — and \$6 in California — in June as the economic recovery and an increase in travel boosted demand for gasoline and Russia's war in Ukraine

caused a spike in oil prices. Gasoline prices mostly reflect trends in global oil prices, and crude — both the U.S. benchmark and the international Brent — has been slumping since mid-June on growing fears of a global recession that would reduce demand for energy.

Many energy analysts believe prices are more likely to rise than fall in the next few months. But changes in sentiment about the economy, Russia's war against Ukraine, and even hurricane season — always a threat to disrupt refineries along the Gulf Coast — make predictions uncertain. □



# Feds want psychological tests for parents of separated kids

By **LINDSAY WHITEHURST**  
and **COLLEEN LONG**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Biden administration is asking that parents of children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border undergo another round of psychological evaluations to measure how traumatized they were by the Trump-era policy, court documents show.

The request comes in a lawsuit filed by migrants seeking compensation from the government after thousands of children were taken from parents in a policy maligned as inhumane by political and religious leaders around the world. Settlement talks with attorneys and the government broke down late last year.

Justice Department attorneys are also reserving the right to have a psychologist examine the children who were separated, if necessary. The evaluations are routine in emotional-damages claims, but these cases are unusual because the government's role in traumatizing parents and children by the separations has been well documented.

"President Biden called the Trump family separations criminal and a moral stain on the nation, but now his administration is



Immigrants seeking asylum who were recently reunited arrive at a hotel in San Antonio, July 23, 2018.

Associated Press

hiring doctors to try and claim the families didn't suffer all that much," said Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project and a lawyer for plaintiffs in the effort to compensate migrants.

Government attorneys argued that the migrants "allege that their mental and emotional injuries are ongoing and permanent in nature" and that their injuries are directly related to the government's policy. They say it is necessary for

the government to have its own opportunity to examine them.

The requests came in two cases filed by 11 families. There are nearly two dozen similar cases pending in other courts, and some have already submitted to government-requested psychiatric evaluations.

But the parents have already sat for hourslong depositions in which they recounted what happened in detail. Government investigators have said chil-

dren separated from their parents showed more fear, feelings of abandonment and post-traumatic stress symptoms than children who were not separated. Some children believed their parents had abandoned them or had been killed. For some, the mental trauma caused physical symptoms, like chest or heart pain, according to a 2019 report from the inspector general's office in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Parents studied by Physicians for Human Rights, a nonprofit collective of doctors that works to document human rights violations, exhibited suicidal thoughts and suffered a raft of problems including nightmares, depression, anxiety, panic, worry and difficulty sleeping.

Biden administration officials have decried the Trump-era policies. Biden, a Democrat, said during his presidential campaign the policies were "an outrage, a moral failing and a stain on our national character." Justice Department attorneys acknowledge in court documents that parents have already undergone multiple mental health evaluations but say an adult-psychology expert found it was necessary to get another opinion, according to court documents.

"It is standard practice for plaintiffs alleging severe emotional injury to be examined by the opposing party's expert," federal attorneys wrote. They point to a similar southern Florida case in which a father and child agreed to the same examination and say it's "well within" what's considered appropriate. □

# California to add wine, liquor bottles to recycling program

By **DON THOMPSON**  
**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— California will add wine and liquor bottles to its recycling rebate program under a law taking effect in July 2024.

"California's bottle bill recycling program has needed fixing for 40 years," Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said Wednesday. "When you consider that California generates more than 1 billion wine and liquor bottles every year, that shows what major progress this legislation is and what an impact it will have."

California's recycling program previously included beer cans and bottles, but not wine or spirits containers. Gov. Gavin Newsom announced late Tuesday

that he had signed Atkins' bill into law.

Consumers in California pay a nickel each time they buy a 12-ounce (355-milliliter) bottle or can and a dime for containers over 24 ounces (709 milliliters). Aside from including bottles and cans containing wine or spirits, the new law adds a 25-cent deposit and refund for wine and distilled spirits sold in a box, bag or pouch.

Hawaii, Iowa, Maine and Vermont already have deposit programs including those containers, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. "While spirits bottles are already recycled at a high rate in the state of California, it is our hope the new law's incentive for consum-

ers to participate will help increase that rate even more," said Adam Smith, Distilled Spirits Council of the United States' vice president of state government relations.

Buyers are supposed to get their deposits back by returning the containers, so the containers don't go into landfills but can be recycled into new products. But they have had more difficulty doing so in recent years because many neighborhood recycling centers closed.

The law also attempts to address that problem by allowing dealers to form a cooperative organization to collect the containers as an alternative to the current law that requires stores to take back the empties.



Bottles of Apocalypse Now Red Blend wine stand on a tasting bar counter at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery, May 21, 2020, in Geyserville, Calif.

Associated Press

It passed the Legislature with no opposition votes, but several groups criticized the bill's inclusion of nearly \$400 million over the next

five years for market development and quality incentives, money that they contended is pork for already wealthy corporations. □



# Hold fire: Re-enactors fear being targeted by N.Y. gun law

By **MICHAEL HILL**

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — Some historical battle re-enactors in New York are holding their musket fire because of worries over the state's new gun rules — an unplanned side effect of a law designed to protect the public's safety.

The law that went into effect this month declares parks, government property and a long list of other "sensitive" places off limits to guns. The rules were geared more for semiautomatic pistols than flintlock weapons, but re-enactors who fear being arrested if they publicly re-stage battles from the colonial era to the Civil War are staying off the field.

Gov. Kathy Hochul's administration insists that historical battle re-enactments are still OK, and some have still taken place this month. But persistent skepticism among event organizers and participants has resulted in some cancellations, like an 18th century encampment and battle re-enactment planned for last weekend north of Saratoga Springs.

"We've been getting reports from units that were supposed to attend that they don't feel comfort-



**Re-enactors portraying members of the American forces during the Revolutionary War fire their rifles during a re-enactment celebrating the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn, Aug. 18, 2001.**

able transporting muskets or bringing muskets to the site," said Harold Nicholson, a re-enactor involved in the event at Rogers Island. "And so at that point, we decided that it was probably best not to (go ahead)."

The consternation stems from a law quickly approved after the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated

New York's requirement that people must demonstrate an unusual threat to their safety to qualify for a license to carry a handgun outside their homes.

Hochul and her fellow Democrats in control of the state Legislature responded with a law that set strict new licensing criteria and limited where handguns, shotguns and rifles can be

carried. Some re-enactors looking at the letter of the law have concluded the old-style weapons they use could place them in the crosshairs of the new rules. Among the canceled events: two Civil War re-enactments in upstate New York this month and a Revolutionary War raid that was to be staged this weekend at the Fort Klock

historic site in the Mohawk Valley.

"The reason why we canceled it was for fear of exposing the people that we invited to the event to prosecution for committing a felony," said Robert Metzger, a re-enactor who chairs the board of Fort Klock Historic Restoration.

Metzger said he realizes local sheriff's deputies have "a lot better things to do than to harass 70-year-old men with flintlocks," but there was a chance someone could complain. And the not-for-profit group did not want to take the chance of losing its state charter.

He added that re-enactors from Canada were reluctant to come down for the event.

Hochul's press office, in a prepared statement, said historical re-enactments can continue under the law "and there should be no concern otherwise."

"We will work with legislators and local law enforcement to ensure these events can proceed as they have for centuries," the administration said. "In the meantime, individuals who have lawfully participated in reenactments should continue to do so." □

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# Inmate serving life for fatal Vegas bombing escapes prison

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Authorities were searching Tuesday for a 42-year-old convicted bombmaker who escaped from a Nevada prison where he was serving a life sentence for a deadly 2007 explosion outside a Las Vegas Strip resort.

Gov. Steve Sisolak ordered an investigation into the incident after he said late Tuesday his office learned the escapee had been missing from the medium-security prison since early in the weekend.

"This is unacceptable," Sisolak said in a statement. Officials didn't realize until Tuesday morning Porfirio Duarte-Herrera was missing during a head count at Southern Desert Correctional Center near Las Vegas. A state Department of

Corrections statement said search teams were looking for him.

Duarte-Herrera, from Nicaragua, was convicted in 2010 of killing a hot dog stand vendor using a motion-activated bomb in a coffee cup atop a car parked at the Luxor hotel-casino.

Records show his co-defendant, Omar Rueda-Denvers, remained in custody Tuesday.

The 47-year-old from Guatemala is serving a life sentence at a different Nevada prison for murder, attempted murder, explosives and other charges.

A Clark County District Court jury spared both men from the death penalty in the slaying of Willebaldo Dorantes Antonio, whom

prosecutors identified as the boyfriend of Rueda-Denvers' ex-girlfriend.

Prosecutors said jealousy was the motive for the attack on the top deck of a two-story parking structure. The blast initially raised fears of a terrorist attack on the Strip.

Officials described Duarte-Herrera as 5 feet, 4 inches tall and 135 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Sisolak said his office ordered corrections officials to "conduct and complete a thorough investigation into this event as quickly as possible."

"This kind of security lapse cannot be permitted and those responsible will be held responsible," he said. □



**This undated photo provided by the Nevada Department of Corrections shows Porfirio Duarte-Herrera, a convicted bombmaker who was discovered missing Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, from Southern Desert Correctional Center outside Las Vegas.**

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## Bosnian Serb separatist leader blasts West, praises Russia

By ELDAR EMRIC  
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**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — Facing an election this weekend, Bosnian Serb separatist leader Milorad Dodik blasted the West and praised Vladimir Putin over his policies in the Balkans, boasting that he is a rare European politician who can meet with the Russian president anytime he wishes.

Dodik's comments made at a preelection rally late Tuesday in the Bosnian Serb semiautonomous region of Republika Srpska came after he met with Putin in Moscow earlier this month when he endorsed Russia's war in Ukraine. Dodik also met with Putin in June.

Dodik, a Serb member of Bosnia's tripartite presidency that also includes a Bosniak and a Croat member, has frequently met with Putin, especially before elections when he wants to show to the highly pro-Russia Bosnian Serb electorate that he has Putin's support. Moscow has often been accused by the West of seeking to destabilize Bosnia and the rest of the Balkans through its allies in Serbia and Bosnia. Dodik has openly advocated tearing away the Serb-controlled half of Bosnia from a Bosniak-Croat federation and joining it up with neighboring Serbia.



Serb member of the Bosnian Presidency Milorad Dodik arrives at the Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD) campaign rally in Istocno Sarajevo, Bosnia, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022.  
Associated Press

During the rally, Dodik reiterated the Bosnian Serb separatist stands, which already once in the past led to a war in the 1990s when it left 100,000 people dead and millions homeless in what was then the worst carnage in Europe since World War II.

"We cannot stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina" he said. "Bosnia-Herzegovina is not the place for us. Bosnia-Herzegovina is a place that constantly suppresses us to take off in our development," he said, adding that the fate of Bosnian Serb children depends on how quickly Bosnian Serbs leave the joint country.

"And I think that these conditions (separation) are being created, Europe is in more and more trouble. America is losing its strength.

A new world is being created," Dodik said. "In that world it is important that the Republika Srpska has Milorad Dodik who can call Putin and see him tomorrow."

Bosnia holds a general election on Sunday in which Dodik is running for the Bosnian Serb president, a separate function from the three-member presidency. His biggest challenge comes from young economist Jelena Trivic,

from opposition Party of Democratic Progress, who has pledged to fight against Dodik's alleged corruptive deals that he made in the past.

A U.S.-brokered peace deal in 1995 ended a war in Bosnia that left at least 100,000 people dead and millions homeless, but left the country deeply divided between its three main ethnic groups. Moscow has often been accused by the West of exploiting the divisions by tacitly supporting Dodik's separatist policies, and to destabilize Bosnia and the rest of the Balkans through its proxies in Serbia and Bosnia. □

## Satellite images show Eritrea military buildup near Tigray



This satellite image provided by Maxar Technologies claims to show unidentified military forces mobilized in the town of Sheraro, in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia Monday, Sept. 26, 2022.

Associated Press

By CARA ANNA  
Associated Press

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — New satellite imagery of one of the world's most reclusive nations shows a military buildup inside Eritrea near the border with Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, backing up witness accounts of a new, large-scale offensive.

Eritrea has fought alongside Ethiopia against Tigray forces.

It rejects allegations that its soldiers committed some of the worst atrocities in the

conflict that began in late 2020. Witnesses in Eritrea this month told The Associated Press that people including students and public servants are being rounded up across the nation and sent to fight in the new offensive.

The satellite imagery provided by Maxar Technologies shows what Maxar described as battle tanks, self-propelled howitzers and a M-46 field gun battery in the Eritrean town of Serha, near the border, on Sept. 19. □

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# Europe ramps up energy security after suspected sabotage

By **LORNE COOK** and **JAN M. OLSEN**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European companies are ramping up security around pipelines and energy prices are climbing again as the suspected sabotage of two pipelines that deliver natural gas from Russia underscored the vulnerability of Europe's energy infrastructure and prompted the EU to warn of possible retaliation.

Some European officials and energy experts have said Russia is likely to blame for any sabotage it directly benefits from higher energy prices and economic anxiety across Europe although others cautioned against pointing fingers until investigators are able to determine what happened.

Russia has sharply curtailed natural gas shipments to Europe in retaliation for sanctions that the West put in place after its invasion of Ukraine. On Wednesday, Russian energy giant Gazprom increased the pressure, threatening on Twitter to cease dealing with a Ukrainian company that controls one of the two remaining pipelines that ship Russian gas to Europe.

Coming on top of the apparent sabotage to the Nord Stream gas pipelines, "that means a major escalation and readiness to escalate," said Agata Loskot-Strachota, senior fel-



**A large disturbance in the sea can be observed off the coast of the Danish island of Bornholm Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 following a series of unusual leaks on two natural gas pipelines running from Russia under the Baltic Sea to Germany have triggered concerns about possible sabotage.**  
**Associated Press**

low in energy policy at the Center for Eastern Studies in Warsaw. Seismologists say explosions rattled the Baltic Sea before unusual leaks were discovered Tuesday on the two underwater pipelines running from Russia to Germany.

"All available information indicates those leaks are the result of a deliberate act," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a statement on behalf of the bloc's 27 members. "Any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure is utterly unacceptable and will be met with a ro-

bust and united response." Three leaks were reported on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which were filled with natural gas but not delivering fuel to Europe ever since Russia stopped the flow to apply economic pressure on the continent. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said allegations that Russia would have sabotaged its own pipelines were "predictable and stupid."

Yet as fears of further disruptions loomed, European energy companies and governments said Wednesday they have already be-

gun to fortify energy infrastructure.

Norwegian state oil company Equinor said it raised the level of preparedness on all of its facilities, according to national broadcaster NRK. Norway's energy exports have surged as European countries scramble to find alternatives to Russian supplies.

"What happened in the Baltic Sea is very serious," Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre told a press conference in Oslo. Before the pipeline leaks discovered Tuesday, natural gas prices in Europe had

dropped from their all-time peak in late August because countries have filled storage facilities to 87% of capacity ahead of winter, when demand for the fuel soars to heat homes and generate electricity.

But Europe's natural gas prices have spiked about 14% since the pipeline ruptures rattled nerves about energy security.

Natural gas prices are roughly three times higher than just before Russia invaded Ukraine. An energy crisis driven by the war is threatening rationing, business closures and recession in Europe. The continent's ability to get through winter will be deeply affected by how cold it is and whether they can find supplies to make up for what's been lost from Russia. Another major source of Russian income oil has fallen sharply in price from June peaks of over \$120 per barrel. □

On Wednesday, Brent crude futures traded at \$87.40 per barrel, up more than 5% since Monday.

The extent of the pipeline damage, along with the political ramifications, raises serious doubts about the future of the Nord Stream project, which was launched so that Russia could deliver gas directly to Germany. The project has been heavily criticized by the West because it only increased Europe's reliance on Russian gas imports. □

# Spanish vultures released in Cyprus to replenish population

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)** —

Some 15 Griffon vultures from Spain have been released into the wild in Cyprus to help revive the east Mediterranean island's population that's dropped to just 8-10 birds because of deliberate poisoning, conservationists said Wednesday.

The LIFE with Vultures CY group said the large birds were initially brought to the east Mediterranean island nation nearly a year ago and stayed in a specially constructed cage to get acclimatized to local conditions before their release.



**A griffon vulture flies free after released near the Korfi village in Limassol district in the eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

Cyprus' Game and Fauna Service has attached GPS transmitters to all the vultures to monitor their movements and well-being.

From previous releases of vultures elsewhere in Europe, it's expected that the birds will intermingle with the remaining indigenous vulture population at feeding and roosting locations. Conservationists say restoring the local vulture population to its former numbers remains a long-term goal, with the most pressing issue being to eradicate the biggest threat to the species which is use of poison bait

in the wilderness.

A recent study suggested that the species of bird would disappear from Cyprus in about 15 years if nothing was done to eliminate the poisoning threat and replenish the population with vultures brought from abroad. Another 15 vultures flown in from Spain which hosts 90-95% of Europe's population of the birds will be released in Cyprus next year. The Griffon vulture, which can grow up to 1.2 meters (4 feet) long and have a wingspan of 2.8 meters (9 feet), feeds on animal carcasses. □



## Minister of Culture was presented the work done on Education and Culture Commission Aruba

*In order to integrate cultural education at schools and in the community*

ORANJESTAD - Recently, Aruban minister of Culture, Mrs. Xiomara Maduro had a meeting with Mr. Donata and Mrs. Maduro from the Education and Culture Commission Aruba in order to get information regarding the work that they are doing for the commission.

This past March, the commission began working in order to create a program of cultural education that is to be integrated in the school curriculum, as well as outside of schools in the community. Mr. Donata and Mrs. Maduro gave an explanation of all that was done for the Commission until now.

Minister Maduro received

an explanation of the planning for the following period, during which, among other things, the round of meetings that were held with interest groups, to inform them and to evaluate interest in receiving their active participation in the work that needs to take place, will be finalized.

Cultural education at school is important for children to form their identity and feel themselves as part of a community that is fortified by their presence and participation.

Minister Maduro wishes the commission success with all the necessary work, and hopes that the commission can continue receiving the



necessary support from the Education and Culture sector so that soon they can

present a definitive plan on how to integrate cultural education in the school

curriculum as well as in the community in general.

## Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes met with representative of Bonaire, Nina Heyer

*"We are two countries with different status but similar challenges, and together we can better face these challenges"*

ORANJESTAD - Prime minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes received a visit from representative of Bonaire, Mrs. Nina Heyer.



Mrs. Heyer has ten years in politics, focused primarily on the field of poverty, community wellness, and education. Mrs. Heyer is visiting Aruba in order to take part in a conference between all six islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Caribbean on the topic of Education.

Aruban minister of Education, Mr. Endy Croes is the person in charge of guiding this conference.

Taking the opportunity of her visit to Aruba, the prime minister held a meeting with Mrs. Heyer in order to discuss various topics of interest

between Aruba and Bonaire. At the same time, they talked about how these two islands can help each other.

Prime minister Wever-Croes indicated that Aruba and Bonaire are two islands with different status, but that are facing similar challenges, and if they stand together they can face these challenges better.

In a press release, premier Wever-Croes said: "The meeting went very well, we reached agreements, and in the coming days we will give more content to them."





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## Honoring of loyal visitors at Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort

EAGLE BEACH - Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure in honoring many loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".

The honorees were **Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Fran Insinga** from Bellmore, New York who were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba.

This symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit

Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.

"This lovely couple stated that they love visiting the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, its white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, its variety of casinos, its safety, and most importantly Aruba's warm and friendly people whom have become like family to them," said Ms. Kimberley Richardson, representative of ATA.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



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### Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that

indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

### About the Anchor Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

### Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

#### Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-

Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

#### Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But

eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

### How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present

location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

### Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.



### The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule.☐



## Experience the Netherlands 2 Dutch companies presented their products and services

**ORANJESTAD –** Recently, by invitation of the Ambassador for the Dutch Kingdom in Colombia, Mr. Ernst Noorman, the Aruban minister of Culture and Finance, Xiomara Maduro was present at the event Experience the Netherlands 2 in Colombia.

During this event, Dutch companies presented their products and services to the business community in Colombia. It was interesting to see the touch of in-

novation brought forward by each company.

Minister Maduro used this opportunity to have a conversation with various Colombian companies that are already doing business in Aruba. The minister thanked them for their trust and extended an invitation for more companies to explore the opportunities that Aruba, the Happy Island in the Dutch Kingdom, has to offer for business.



## Cruise Tourism Symposium

**ORANJESTAD –** Tuesday, 27th of September was World Tourism Day, and on this day the Cruise Tourism Industry was also celebrated, as it is an important part of the tourism industry. Aruban minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber inaugurated the Cruise Tourism Symposium on Tuesday afternoon at the Marriott Ballroom.

During the symposium a variety of presentations took place with a diverse group of experts from Aruba and abroad. Guests came from Europe to take part in the Aruba Meets Europe Conference and at the same time were present for the cruise symposium.

The cruise industry in Aruba restarted in June of 2021, and expects a recovery of 80 percent by the end of 2022. Consequently, Aruba

was part of the first destinations in the Caribbean for outbound cruises from the United States. Adding to this, recently the Port City project was announced, which is an investment of 500 million florins which will elevate the quality of cruise tourism in Aruba as well as attract more tourists.

The strategy for this industry is for Aruba to get more income from the cruise tourist who invests when they disembark on Aruba. According to a press release from the ministry of Tourism, the vision for cruise tourism also contains the four main points of focus for the coming years. These are sustainable tourism, development of the island, innovation and an island that is rich in data in order to assess and create plans and projects to elevate the quality of the product Aruba, and

what we offer.

It is also worth mentioning that in 2023 there are various cruiselines that will begin arriving in Aruba, among others, Silversea and Seabourn, Virgin Cruises, Ritz Carlton Yacht Collection and Explora Journeys. All these are part of the strategic plan to diversify cruise tourism and generate more income for the country of Aruba.

Cruise tourism is an important part of Aruba's tourism and economy. Mr. Oduber thanks all stakeholders who made an effort for this event, creating a space in which different ideas could be exchanged and information was acquired. He also thanked Aruba Tourism Authority, which always is first in fortifying relationships and executing the vision for tourism in Aruba.





## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE MOST COMMON WAY PEOPLE GIVE UP THEIR POWER IS BY THINKING THEY DON'T HAVE ANY. — ALICE WALKER

## Millennial Money: Furnish your new place on a budget

By DALIA RAMIREZ of Nerd-Wallet

Moving season is almost over. But if you're one of the many people settling into a new home right now, you might feel like the furniture-buying season is just getting started. And that can get expensive.

After paying rent, a security deposit or mortgage down payment plus all the costs associated with moving furniture can come as an afterthought, leaving a less-than-ideal budget for the items that make your new place feel like home. Even with lower-cost items from budget-friendly retailers like Amazon and Target, furnishing an entire space gets costly. And if you want higher-end items, a premium couch or bedroom set alone can run you several thousand dollars.

To save on furniture, try turning to your community and peer-to-peer resale platforms to find quality secondhand pieces, and also spacing out your purchases strategically.

### FIRST, SEE WHAT YOU CAN GET FOR FREE

Before you venture into the Ikea maze or go down a rabbit hole of online shopping, see what your local community has to offer. Ask people you know if there's anything they're getting rid of.

"Your friends and family may be moving, too," says Henna Noor, a full-time student at the University of California, Irvine. Noor recently moved into her first apartment with a furniture budget of under \$700 and scored a free couch from her girlfriend's parents. "It might benefit them to get rid of an item without having to pay to move it or try to sell it before they go."

Don't be afraid to talk to your neighbors or make a request on social media; the people in your life are likely happy to help you navigate this exciting life change. Many neighborhoods also have "Buy Nothing" Facebook groups you can join to give and receive household items.



A sale sign stands outside a home in Wyndmoor, Pa., Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Associated Press

However, you'll likely need to find a way to transport the items, possibly by renting or borrowing a truck, or getting a friend to help you.

### TRY PEER-TO-PEER PLATFORMS

Peer-to-peer resale platforms like OfferUp, Letgo and Facebook Marketplace feature thousands of secondhand items. You might be able to find some hidden gems sitting within a 5-mile radius of your new place.

"There are limited options at a store like Ikea," says Miranda Escobar, a marketing manager at a tech startup in New York City, who moved from Manhattan to Brooklyn in April. "A peer marketplace opens you up to different, unexpected furniture styles."

Escobar's go-to is Facebook Marketplace, where she searches a single keyword like "dresser" and then refines the results by color, material, price and location. For example, she might search for wood items under \$50 within 2 miles of her new address.

However, some locales have more listings than others, and it can be time-consuming to sort through the results. Not all items are priced to sell, either; some sellers are more motivated by making a profit than getting rid of old items.

"It can take hours of digging to find the true steals," says Noor. Noor checked the OfferUp app daily for a week before her move, keeping an eye out for fresh listings from users who

needed to get rid of items quickly.

### HAGGLE RESPECTFULLY

If you're shopping at peer-to-peer marketplaces, garage sales or estate sales, take the opportunity to bargain. Note that the seller is often trying to get rid of the item, but also try to offer a price within a reasonable range lowballing may not get you a response.

"I always compare with similar items on the market," Escobar says. If it's a name-brand or vintage piece, look up what it would cost to buy new or what other resellers are listing it for. Knowing the ballpark value of the item you want can help you negotiate more confidently with a seller and steer clear of listings with unreasonable prices.

### SPACE OUT EXPENSES

"Of course, you want to get your new place feeling like home immediately," Escobar says. "But it's better to be patient and wait for pieces at the right prices that really fit the space."

Waiting on the lower-priority items can ensure you're ready to snag pieces at rock-bottom prices from users who are up against moving deadlines; they're likely to take the best offer available.

Patience is helpful when shopping retail, too: Out-of-season furniture is discounted in winter and summer to make room for new items arriving in the spring and fall, and most stores offer significant discounts around holidays like Black Friday and Labor Day. □



# Fish fossil catch from China includes oldest teeth ever

By **MADDIE BURAKOFF**

AP Science Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A big catch of fish fossils in southern China includes the oldest teeth ever found — and may help scientists learn how our aquatic ancestors got their bite.

The finds offer new clues about a key period of evolution that's been hard to flesh out because until now scientists haven't found many fossils from that era. In a series of four studies, published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, researchers detail some of their finds, from ancient teeth to never-before-seen species. The fossils date back to the Silurian period, an important era for life on earth from 443 million years ago to 419 million years ago. Scientists believe our backboned ancestors, who were still swimming around on a watery planet, may have started evolving teeth and jaws around this time.

This let the fish hunt for prey instead of "grubbing around" as bottom feeders, filtering out food from the muck. It also sparked a series of other changes in their anatomy, including different kinds of fins, said Philip Donoghue, a University of Bristol paleontologist and an author on one of the studies.

"It's just at this interface between the Old World and the New World," Donoghue said.

But in the past, scientists



This illustration provided by Heming Zhang in September 2022 depicts some of the fossil fish, more than 400 million years old, which were found by researchers in southern China, announced in a series of studies published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022.

haven't found many fossils to show this shift, said Matt Friedman, a University of Michigan paleontologist who was not involved in the research. They've been relying on fragments from the time a chunk of spine here, a bit of scale there. The fossils from China are expected to fill in some of those gaps as researchers around the world pore over them.

A field team discovered the fossil trove in 2019, Min Zhu, a paleontologist at the Chinese Academy of Sciences who led the research, said in an email.

frustrating trip that hadn't revealed any fossils, re-

searchers explored a pile of rocks near a roadside cliff. When they split one rock open, they found fossilized fish heads looking back at them.

After hauling more rocks

back to the lab for examination, the research team wound up with a huge range of fossils that were in great condition for their age. □

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# 'Bros' makes rom-com history and then joins in it

By **MARK KENNEDY**

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"Bros," the latest romantic comedy to hit theaters, is absolutely revolutionary. And totally conventional. It's a film where both extremes can be true at the same time.

The revolutionary part comes from it being the first gay rom-com produced and distributed by a major American studio. And yet it hews very closely to the classic rom-com formula, right down to one of the star-crossed lovers suddenly realizing he's in love and sprinting to reunite with the other as music swells.

That's the genius of "Bros" — telling LGBTQ stories and wrapping it in a familiar storyline that everyone can relate to. At one point, we see our hero watching "When Harry Met Sally" and we quietly cheer as the universe of rom-coms just got another satellite. Some people may complain that it fits too neatly into the straight-people film formula, but revolutions weren't built in a movie.

Billy Eichner stars as Bobby Lieber, a slightly nerdy gay podcaster-turned-museum executive who has hit the age of 40 without having



This image released by Universal Pictures shows, from left, Billy Eichner, Harvey Fierstein and Luke Macfarlane in a scene from "Bros."

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had a serious romantic relationship. The script by Nicholas Stoller and Eichner leans into the schtick Eichner has built as a loud, opinionated comic on "Billy on the Street" but creates room for a wounded, insecure hero.

Eichner is navigating the fraught world of modern dating in the New York City gay community, which includes graceless app hookups, steroid use, dance-club ogling, legions of commitment-phobes and an emphasis on the physical and superficial — so just like straights!

When sparks fly between

him and a hunky meat-head — played understated and soulfully by Luke Macfarlane — it's clear that opposites attract. Our hero has a sunken chest, an unwavering belief that Abraham Lincoln was a closeted gay man and a high voice; the muscly hunk is a fan of Garth Brooks, hockey and "The Office." Yet he can also see to the core of our hero: "Getting angry at things is your brand," he tells him. The filmmakers make sure "Bros" isn't a sanitized view of gay love, earning an R-rating for nudity, sex, lusty kissing and group encounters like throuples and

a very funny, awkward four-way with a random guy named Steve. In many parts, it feels very much like every lingering, passionate kiss is blissfully punching through some sort of wall. Stoller, who also directs, and Eichner load the script with plenty of gentle humor at non-gay targets. "Gay sex was more fun when straight people were uncomfortable," says one character. And a couple of recurring gags involve straight actors winning awards for playing gay — Benedict Cumberbatch, look out! — and the Hallmark Channel's supposed embrace

of non-hetero themes, like with the fictional bisexual titles "Christmas With Either" and the group rom-com "A Holly, Polly Christmas."

Gay stereotypes also get celebrated and pierced — endless voguing, Grindr photos, "Schitt's Creek" love, Barbra Streisand adoration and internal divisions among the LGBTQ community. Deborah Messing from "Will & Grace" makes a hilarious cameo ("I am not every gay man's best friend!" she wails) and Kaitlin Jenner is mocked as a "trans-terrorist." A key moment is when Eichner pierces the inclusive slogan "Love Is Love" with his retort "No, it's not." Gay love, he says, has different obstacles and complications and ramifications.

In his love affair, identity becomes the drama. Bobby is fiercely proud of being gay and not apologizing for it, while his love interest is more quiet about his sexuality, fatefully asking his lover to tone it down one night while meeting his parents. "A little less yourself," he explains. "I want them to like you." Everyone will understand what that means. That's straight out of a John Hughes rom-com. □

# Rihanna to headline the next Super Bowl halftime show



Rihanna attends an event for her lingerie line Savage X Fenty at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles on on Aug. 28, 2021.

**Associated Press**

By **JAKE COYLE**

**AP Film Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rihanna will take center stage at February's Super Bowl halftime show.

The singer, who declined to

perform in the 2019 Super Bowl halftime show out of solidarity with Colin Kaepernick, will headline the 2023 Super Bowl, the NFL announced Sunday along with Jay-Z's Roc Nation and

Apple Music. Rihanna posted an image on Instagram of an arm outstretched holding an NFL football.

"Rihanna is a generational talent, a woman of humble beginnings who has surpassed expectations at every turn," said Jay-Z, whose Roc Nation is an executive producer of the show, in a statement. "A person born on the small island of Barbados who became one of the most prominent artists ever. Self-made in business and entertainment."

The Super Bowl will take place at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on Feb. 12. After years of Pepsi's sponsorship, the upcoming halftime show will be sponsored by Apple Music.

Rihanna earlier said she

turned down a similar opportunity for the 2019 Super Bowl that was ultimately headlined by Maroon 5. At the time, many artists voiced support for Kaepernick, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback who protested police brutality against Black people and minorities by kneeling during the national anthem in 2016.

"I couldn't dare do that. For what?" Rihanna told Vogue in 2019. "Who gains from that? Not my people. I just couldn't be a sellout. I couldn't be an enabler. There's things within that organization that I do not agree with at all, and I was not about to go and be of service to them in any way," she said of the league.

Kaepernick accused the

NFL of colluding to keep him out of the league in a case that was eventually settled in early 2019.

In 2019, the NFL partnered with Roc Nation (which manages Rihanna) to help pick performers for the Super Bowl and strategize on the halftime show. The widely acclaimed 2022 halftime show featured Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Kendrick Lamar and Mary J. Blige.

With sales of more than 250 million records worldwide, Rihanna ranks as one of the best-selling female artists ever. Her last album was 2016's "Anti." Rihanna last performed publicly at the Grammy Awards in 2018.

In the years since, Rihanna has occasionally teased her music return. □



# Newman's single in 10th gives Pirates win and sweep of Reds

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Kevin Newman hit a winning single in the 10th inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates rebounded from a blown three-run lead in the ninth to beat Cincinnati 4-3 on Wednesday and send the Reds to their 96th loss, their most since 2015.

Kyle Farmer hit a two-run homer in the ninth off Chase De Jong and Jake Fraley homered five pitches later to tie the score 3-3. After Yohan Ramirez (3-1) pitched a perfect 10th, Alexis Diaz (6-3) intentionally walked Ben Gamel, and Newman dumped a two-out single into shallow center to score pinch-runner Rodolfo Castro from second. Newman has seven walkoff hits.

"In that situation, I just take a deep breath, go pitch to pitch and try to get a good pitch to hit," Newman said. "It's always special anytime to come through. For my teammates, for the crowd, the organization just to end the game on a walk-off is awesome."

Pittsburgh (59-97), last in the NL Central, pulled within a game of the Reds (60-96), who are headed to their

worst record since going 64-98 in 2015. The Pirates have won seven in a row against Cincinnati.

"It's tough to come in here and lose the series against the Pirates," Farmer said. "I think it's a series we should have won."

Bryse Wilson allowed three hits — all to Jose Barrero — in eight shutout innings, Pittsburgh's longest scoreless outing since Iván Nova against Arizona on June 22, 2018 against Arizona.

Wilson threw 90 pitches and said he still felt strong and would have gladly gone out for the ninth inning.

"I felt like I didn't have a ton of high-stress pitches -- in the eighth a little bit -- but I felt good," Wilson said. "I asked (to pitch the ninth) but it was shut down pretty quickly."

Pirates manager Derek Shelton did not regret pulling Wilson.

"In hindsight you can second-guess everything," Shelton said. "But in terms of why we made the decision and the thought process was, we're going to stick to our process. I'm more excited that Bryse threw the ball as well as he did for eight



**Pittsburgh Pirates' Kevin Newman, right, celebrates with teammates after hitting the game-winning RBI single off of Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Alexis Diaz in the 10th inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. The Pirates won 4-3 in 10 innings.**

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innings and was able to execute pitches. That was the thing that I'll take away from his outing."

Luis Cessa gave up three runs and six hits in six innings in his 200th career game and 28th start. He is 1-3 with a 4.03 in eight starts since being moved from the bullpen and would like to stay in the rotation in 2023.

"My arm feels great. My body feels great," Cessa said. "I feel good mentally. In the offseason, I'm going to prepare to be a starter. That way it will also be easier if I get moved to the bullpen."

Miguel Andújar had an RBI double in the first and has five RBIs in three games since the Pirates claimed him off waivers from the New York Yankees. Oneil Cruz hit a two-run double in the second.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Reds: OF Mike Siani got the day off after being shaken up Tuesday night while trying to make a diving catch and leaving the game.

## UP NEXT

Reds: Rookie RHP Graham Ashcraft (5-4, 4.18) will pitch Friday at the Chicago Cubs. □

# Report: LIV Golf nearing deal to buy TV time on FS1

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

Golfweek is reporting that Saudi-funded LIV Golf, without a U.S. television deal during its inaugural season, is close to an agreement to buy time on FS1.

Golfweek cited multiple sources it did not identify in saying the agreement is still being finalized.

It would go against what Greg Norman, the CEO and commissioner of LIV Golf, told a Chicago radio station two weeks ago when he said, "We're talking to four different networks, and live conversations where offers are being put on the table. They can see what we're delivering." Fox Sports declined comment.

Networks typically pay a rights fee to broadcast a sport. The PGA Tour, for example, this year began

an expanded media rights deal for its tournaments to be shown on CBS, NBC, Golf Channel and ESPN+. The nine-year deal is worth an estimated \$7 billion.

In this case, LIV Golf would pay for the time slot and be responsible for the cost of production and any advertising to be sold. In some time-buy cases, the deal includes a few promotional spots to let viewers know when it will be aired.

But any deal, even a time buy, would give LIV Golf what it desperately needs — TV viewership on an American linear channel. The league already has paid enormous signing fees — some reported in the \$150 million range — to attract players, and each tournament offers \$25 million in prize money. It does not have any visible corpo-

rate support.

Getting the major networks seemed to be a long shot because of their existing agreements with the PGA Tour and the animosity between the rival circuits, along with the source of LIV Golf's deep pockets — Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund — that brought protests to some tournaments staged in the United States over the summer.

LIV Golf has been shown only on its YouTube channel, Facebook and its website, and viewership numbers have been modest.

The series is playing next month in Thailand and Saudi Arabia before ending its inaugural season near Miami for a \$50 million team championship. The 54-hole event has been moved to a Sunday conclusion.

It was not clear if any tele-



**LIV Golf CEO Greg Norman, left, stands with the 4 Aces GC team, from left, Tador Gooch, Captian Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed and Pat Perez, after winning the team's fourth straight tournament at the LIV Golf Invitational-Chicago tournament Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, in Sugar Hill, Ill.**

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vision deal would start in Miami from Oct. 28-30 or wait until 2023, when LIV Golf has said it would have a full schedule. The 2023 schedule is not likely to be released until November.

If the time buy is with FS1, there could be problems with September and October when the cable network has a steady diet of college football on Saturdays. □



# Backups, be ready. NFL's QB carousel is spinning

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL's quarterback carousel may start spinning a bit faster.

Mac Jones, Tua Tagovailoa and Josh Allen got banged up Sunday. Justin Herbert and Jameis Winston played hurt. Already, Dak Prescott and Trey Lance have gone down.

Backups, be ready.

Jones' leg injury appears most serious. The second-year pro hopped off the field late in the fourth quarter of New England's 37-26 loss to Baltimore, and he appeared to be in extreme pain in photos showing him being assisted to the locker room.

Veteran Brian Hoyer would take over for the Patriots (1-2) if Jones is sidelined. They



**New England Patriots quarterback Mac Jones (10) is helped off the field after suffering a leg injury with less than two minutes to play in the second half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, in Foxborough, Mass.**  
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visit the Green Bay Packers (2-1) this week, a difficult opponent regardless who is under center.

"I think we've always talked about it my whole

time here, it's always the next-man-up mentality if it comes to that," Patriots defensive back Devin McCourty said.

Teddy Bridgewater was the

next man for the Dolphins when Tagovailoa stumbled off the field late in the first half of Miami's 21-19 win over Buffalo after hitting his head on the ground. Bridgewater was in for three plays because Tagovailoa passed concussion protocol and returned to the game in the third quarter. He explained his legs were wobbly following the play because he hurt his back.

Tagovailoa wore a wrap around his back after the game and his status for Thursday night's game at Cincinnati is uncertain.

"It's a quick turnaround so you have to move on quick and get ready for Cincinnati," Tagovailoa said. "For me, I'm just worried about getting my back right. Right

now, it's tight. It was sore when it did happen, but any competitor that would have never wanted to come out would've done the same thing. I just tried my hardest to get back up and get the next play and run it." If Tagovailoa can't go for the Dolphins (3-0), they have a capable backup. Bridgewater is 33-30 in his career as a starter with the Vikings, Saints, Panthers and Broncos.

Allen needed an X-ray after the game on his right hand, but didn't have any protection on it afterward and insisted he's fine. The Bills (2-1) visit the Ravens this week. They have veteran Case Keenum, though Allen should be ready to go. Playing with fractured rib cartilage, Herbert struggled as the Chargers were routed by the Jaguars 38-10 in Los Angeles. Coach Brandon Staley allowed Herbert to finish the game and throw 45 passes despite the lopsided score.

The Chargers (1-2) play at Houston this week and there's no reason to think Herbert wouldn't start.

"Justin is going to be feeling like this when he's out there playing," Staley said. "This injury is going to be there for a while. ... It's not like it's going to feel better next week or the week after that. This thing is going to be present for a while. He felt good today. We're going to continue to manage it the best we can."

Winston played his second straight game for the Saints with a back injury. He threw for 353 yards, but also tossed two interceptions in a 22-14 loss at Carolina. New Orleans (1-2) meets Minnesota in London next Sunday. Saints coach Dennis Allen said he's not considering replacing Winston with Andy Dalton.

"He is a battler. He is tough. Yeah, he is fighting through some things, and that is part of playing pro football," Allen said of Winston. One QB switch that's certain to happen is in New York. The Jets will turn to Zach Wilson once he's cleared to return from a preseason knee injury. □

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